

# Repaving, Recycling Carts Are Unfunded Public Works Needs

by Diane Oberg

Despite the Public Works Department being the only city department to receive an increase in full-time staffing in the city manager’s proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2016, the total proposed budget differs little from the budget adopted for the current year. The Greenbelt City Council reviewed the department’s proposal in a marathon worksession on April 29 as well as the department’s accomplishments and plans. The fiscal year begins July 1.

The budget proposes spending \$3.161 million on public works, up only 0.05 percent from the current budget of \$3.159 million. Two full-time maintenance workers would be hired, one for facilities maintenance and one for playgrounds. In addition, the department would resurrect the summer help program. The director position, vacant since Ken Hall retired in September 2014, although funded in the budget,

has not yet been filled.

City refuse customers will be pleased to hear that the proposal keeps the refuse collection fee right where it’s been for the past four years, at \$268 per year.

**Staffing**

This proposed staffing level of 52.9 full-time equivalents (FTE) would come close to that of Fiscal Year 2010 when 53.5 FTE worked in the department. Acting Public Works Director James Sterling attributed the need for additional staff largely to the city’s decision to limit spraying of weeds and primarily to use engineered wood fiber as surface material in city playgrounds. Both decisions increase the maintenance time for city parks and playgrounds.

The department has had a Volunteer Maryland Coordinator (VMC) for the past three years in partnership with the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society. Since this is the limit

for the VMC program, Sterling is applying for a grant to host a similar position with the Chesapeake Bay Trust. All councilmembers appeared supportive of this approach and Councilmember Edward Putens praised the department for doing a “fantastic job” working with volunteers. The city would need to provide \$4,800 in matching funds if the grant is approved.

**Roads**

To keep up with road maintenance, Sterling said, the city needs to repave one mile of city roadways per year. In recent years, the city has been doing “a lot less than that,” he said. It appears likely that the city will get \$265,000 additional state highway user funds this year, but there is no indication yet as to when council will spend these funds. McLaughlin said he considers repaving Springhill Drive

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# Eleventh Annual Green Man: A Home Grown Musical Fest

Don’t miss the party! Come spend this weekend, May 9 and 10, at the 11th Annual Green Man Festival with two days of music, inspiration and fun. This is Greenbelt’s version of Earth Day, and also Greenbelt’s favorite way to celebrate Mother’s Day. Treat Mom to lunch, see a live show and find the perfect Mother’s Day gift. Explore an artisan market featuring gifts from quirky to fabulous, feast on delicious healthy food and plunge the kids into a jamboree of creative merrymaking.

The Green Man’s theme this year celebrates our streams and waterways, and reconnects us with the folklore of ancient civilizations through music and myth, art and science. Talented artists, musicians and performers will bring these themes to life. Experts and enthusiasts will offer displays and presentations on how to appreciate our precious water resources, as well as save water and money.

**Music Lineup**

Eleven musical acts will span the festival weekend at Roosevelt

Center. The music lineup will be posted at the edge of the stage each day and on the Green Man Festival web page: greenbelt-greenmanfestival.org.

Don’t miss special musical guests Teresa Whitaker and Frank Schwartz, who will travel from Connecticut to perform. Experience Giving Voice to Land and Water on stage Saturday afternoon. Teresa and Frank have inspired listeners for decades. Their powerful voices and rousing performances on guitar, banjo and udu (a Nigerian drum) make their original songs a celebration of the beauty and rhythms of water and earth. Their retelling of ancient stories drawn from different folk cultures around the world will charm listeners of all ages. In a special tribute to the late Tom Wisner, “Bard of the Chesapeake,” environmental educator, activist, artist and songwriter, Teresa and Frank will carry forth his unique musical legacy with songs of his beloved Chesapeake Bay.

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# More Staff for GAIL Program Is Listed as Unfunded Budget Need

by Kathleen Gallagher

The proposed Fiscal Year 2016 budget provides Greenbelt CARES funding for social and educational services to the city’s youth and families. Through the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program, CARES also provides services to senior residents. The Greenbelt City Council reviewed these budgets at the April 20 worksession.

Representing CARES were its director, Dr. Elizabeth Park, and Christal Batey, the city’s community resource advocate, who also manages GAIL. Park introduced a new staff member, Alana Cole-Faber, who is reporting to CARES but working on a quarter-time, temporary basis as volunteer coordinator across city government departments.

**Volunteer Coordinator**

Cole-Faber told the city council about her plans for studying

and making recommendations for city volunteer programs. She has been surveying city departments to document how they use volunteers and will soon be talking with the volunteers about their experiences. She is reviewing the extent to which written policies and procedures exist for recruiting and training volunteers, as well as for managing volunteer activities, and will be talking with coordinators for volunteer programs in other cities. She will also make recommendations on whether the city needs a full-time volunteer coordinator. Her work should be completed by the end of the calendar year.

Councilmembers said the review of volunteer activities for the city should provide valuable data. Councilmembers Edward Putens and Konrad Herling both encouraged eventually widen-

ing the scope beyond those who volunteer for city government to include the many other organizations in the city that use volunteers, since those volunteering for the city are just one piece of the story.

**Budget**

The proposed CARES budget for next year is \$949,000, representing a less than one percent increase from its current year’s adopted budget. Of the total, 70 percent is designated for CARES youth and family services, 21 percent for GAIL programs and 9 percent for service coordination. The latter item is paid through a HUD grant and Green Ridge House’s own budget to support a service coordinator at Green Ridge House to provide support and information to help residents continue to live independently. Overall, about 20 percent of the funding that supports programs under CARES comes from non-city funds.

**CARES Programs**

Park said CARES continues to provide counseling services to families, individuals and groups. The GED and the drop-in tutoring programs continue. New this year was the piloting by CARES of a youth mentoring program on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Funded by

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# 8th Farmers Market Opens Sunday, Boosts All Shops

by Cathie Meetre

In its grand tradition of being a very special place, Greenbelt will see the opening of its eighth Farmers Market season this Sunday, May 10. Then, every Sunday until just before Thanksgiving (except Labor Day weekend), rain or shine, the bounty of spring, summer and fall will be on display at the market. Baskets brimming with colorful peppers, flats of delicate annuals, bouquets for Mother’s Day and the golden brown crusts of that moist, chewy fresh bread are a feast for the eyes as well as the palate.

An interesting phenomenon of the market is its impact on Roosevelt Center. While one might reasonably imagine that the market would cut into the business of the Co-op, for example, and be merely tolerated or even disliked by Center merchants, quite the opposite is true. Center businesses receive a noticeable boost in sales on market days because the market’s proximity significantly increases pedestrian traffic, especially on what would otherwise be a sleepy Sunday.

According to owner George Boyce, Club 125 MakerSpace adjusted its Sunday hours to match the market because it realized the market was such a significant draw. The Co-op sees an uptick in sales as well, as people buy specialty items at the market and then come to the Co-op to complete their shop-

ping in a single convenient trip. Even though there are prepared food vendors at the market, the increase in foot traffic is so significant that the New Deal Café is even more a-buzz with clientele taking a break from the rigors of vegetable shopping, and Roosevelt Center has become a Sunday brunch destination resort.

**Green Man Festival**

The first weekend of the market coincides with the Green Man Festival in the Center. What could be more synergistic – a celebration of the significance of water to our environment and the visible outcome of it in the market only steps away.

On Saturday, May 2, the Farmers Market had an information tent in the Berwyn Heights Day Festival. Although not on the scale of Greenbelt’s Labor Day Festival, the celebration and parade drew a good-sized crowd. Many Berwynians stopped by the tent to say they were already regular attendees at the Greenbelt market, while numerous others got directions. One suspects Berwynians are secretly jealous of Greenbelters.

It is worthy of note that the Farmers Market Board of Directors has one member from Lanham and one from Berwyn Heights – indicating how popular the market has become beyond city limits. This popularity

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## What Goes On

- Monday, May 11**  
**8 p.m.,** City Council Meeting and ACE Student Awards, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv
- Wednesday, May 13**  
**7:30 p.m.,** Advisory Planning Board, Community Center  
**7:30 p.m.,** Budget Worksession – Final Budget Review, Community Center
- Friday, May 15** – Bike to Work Day (See city ad for details.)



### News Review Seeks Web Design

As the News Review continues to upgrade its electronic capabilities and presence, it requires outside assistance to upgrade its website. Working with a \$5,000 grant from the Community Foundation, the paper has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to local businesses for a relatively small scale but important initial push to upgrade the website. Although relatively small in scope, the required work will provide the foundation for a website that can be gradually expanded to encompass a wider range of services and offer more functionality to the paper’s audience and increase the paper’s appeal and readership. Based on the initial website development, bidders are also encouraged to discuss their approach to the future work that is envisaged.

Bids are encouraged from any organization, including individual consultants, which can illustrate a track record of successful web development and demonstrate understanding of the work to be done.

Potential bidders are encouraged to read the RFP – which can be retrieved from our website at [greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://greenbeltnewsreview.com). Bidders are encouraged to explore the existing website to see the starting point and can request clarification of the RFP by email.

The closing date for bids is May 22 at 4 p.m. EDT and work should begin in June. Instructions in the RFP explain how to bid.

The website has been online for several years and has done excellent service – providing weekly posting of the newspaper in PDF format and now including an archive back to 1937. But its scope is limited and the new site will offer better service for the paper’s readers and, as it expands, will provide facilities for online submission for stories and online forms for advertising and secure payments. In addition, we envisage a Greenbelt photo gallery, extra coverage of ongoing news topics, and the opportunity to comment online about Greenbelt issues.

### A Great Start

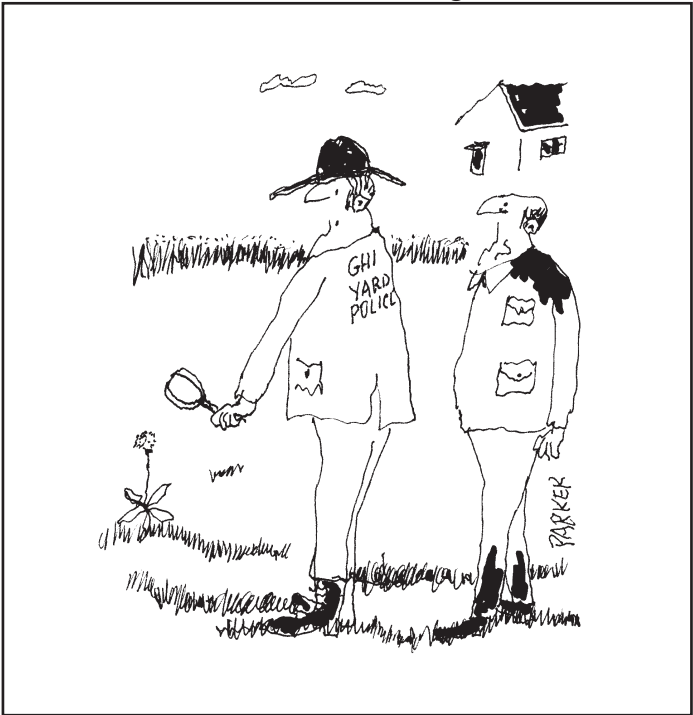
Thank you to everyone who came out for our soft opening this past week! It was a great start for us, and we were very happy to see so many familiar faces and meet so many new folks, too. Your excitement about the reopening mirrors our own, and we’re thrilled to be bringing you lots of great films in our beautiful, newly renovated theater. We appreciate your patience as we adjust to the new systems, especially our computer ticketing and concessions equipment.

We’ve heard your concerns about our initial few days of having the Admissions and Amusement Tax an explicit, additional charge. Since then, we’ve decided to keep the ticket prices fixed at \$9, \$8 and \$6 while absorbing the cost of the tax, which we hope will be sustainable. In addition, now all shows before 5 are \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids. We’re looking forward to another great week in the “What’d We Miss?” Series with Birdman and The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, as well as two free shows on Saturday and Sunday morning as part of the Green Man Festival.

See you at the show! – The Team at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Caitlin McGrath

### The Old Curmudgeon



"Remember . . . beauty lies in the eye of the beholder."  
– May 20, 2004

### Shredding Day Rescheduled

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union shredding day scheduled for Saturday, May 2 was canceled because the shredding truck broke down. The event has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m. until noon, or until the truck is full.

Shredding of documents will be done in the parking lot behind the credit union at 112 Centerway

Only five file boxes/bags per person are allowed; the owner must be present for shredding. Personal records only (no business). No contaminants, no batteries, and no plastic binders and sheets are permitted. Abandoned boxes/bags will be put in the trash.

## Letters to the Editor

#### Thanks

The family of Elizabeth (Liz) Labukas would like to thank everyone in the Greenbelt community for all your support in so many ways during this time of our deep loss and sorrow. Your words of comfort, prayers, cards, flowers, food, contributions to CALMRA, Inc. and remembrances of Liz are all greatly appreciated. We know Liz would have shown her appreciation for all this attention by sharing her famous smiles and hugs. She will be greatly missed.

*The Labukas Family*

#### Is an \$11 Million Debt Necessary?

A little more than 11 years ago, GHI paid off a \$17.5 million improvement loan taken out in 1979, and it threw a party to celebrate. Why would we go down the debt road again any further than absolutely necessary? After attending GHI’s Homes Improvement Program (HIP) April 25 meeting, I was concerned that GHI would contemplate taking on \$11 million of debt for any improvements that are not time-critical. We were informed that not all crawl space improvements are equally urgent. Work planned for the masonry buildings is not structural in nature. It may improve energy efficiency and moisture, but not enough for the work to pay for itself in energy savings. Work in the frame building crawl spaces is more urgent, some of it structural. No data were provided, however, about what portion of it is required immediately.

Part of every GHI member’s monthly fee goes to a reserve

fund to pay for improvements needed over time. When reserves are used for this purpose, GHI takes on no debt and its fees collect no interest owed to a commercial lender. With such a system in place, work that is not urgent should not be funded with debt. I would like to see GHI explore how much of the proposed \$11 million loan can be eliminated by breaking down HIP data further, and by doing some of the crawl space work with reserve funds.

If it proves to be the case that most of the urgent repairs will be done to the frame homes, it is fair to consider that the initial price of frame homes in GHI and the ensuing monthly mortgage payments are generally less than for masonry homes. It may be that fairness concerns have driven GHI to propose a huge loan to fund crawl space improvements in every type of home—every crawl space gets worked on, and everyone pays for years to come. This illusion of fairness is counterproductive.

Our community will become less viable as monthly GHI fees begin to approach the monthly mortgage payment for new buyers. This will hurt frame unit owners who are selling their units first. It may be that GHI members need to pull together for a special effort in the frame building crawl spaces, since we are all shareholders in the entire cooperative. But let’s organize that effort with less wasteful debt and by carefully weighing the equities, including the total monthly housing burden (mortgage + GHI fees) on all owners.

*Paul Kapfer*

#### Unsigned Letters

Letters to the editor must be signed by the writer. If, on the rare occasion for safety, the writer’s name is not printed, it nevertheless must be given to the News Review. Anonymous letters are never printed.



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BIRDMAN (R) (119 m)  
Fri. 8:00  
Sat. 5:00  
Sun. 2:30, 7:30  
Mon. 8:30  
Tues. 5:30  
Weds. 8:30  
Thurs. 5:30

SECOND BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL (PG) (122 m)  
Fri. 5:30  
Sat. 2:30, 7:30  
Sun. 5:00  
Mon. 6:00  
Tues. 8:15  
Weds. 6:00  
Thurs. 8:15

DISNEYNATURE’S OCEANS (PG) (94m.)  
Sat. 12:30 --FREE!

THE GREAT INVISIBLE (PG-13) (92m.)  
Sun. 12:30 – FREE!

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# Community Events

## At the Library

Tuesday, May 12, 7 p.m. A Season of Courage: Black & White Southerners Who Fought for the Union in the Civil War, presented by Asa Gordon, will be the next in the spring season in this audio-visual lecture series arranged by historian C.R. Gibbs. Other sessions will be presented on Tuesday evenings through May 26.

Monday, May 11, 7 p.m., Chinese/English Preschool Storytime, 7 p.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people. This bilingual storytime includes children’s stories, songs, rhymes and other activities in Chinese and English. Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the event.

Infants and Toddlers Program, Preschool Storytime, ages 3 to 5, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays and more.

Baby Storytime, ages 1 to 2, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. Enjoy stories, songs and other activities.

Toddler Storytime, ages 2 to 3, Thursdays, 2:15 p.m. Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays and more. Please pick up free tickets at the information desk for these events.

### Read to Rover

Saturday, May 16, 2 p.m. Read to Rover is for children ages 6 to 11 to help them build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially-trained therapy dogs glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required; call the branch at 301-345-5800 for more information.



## Writers to Meet

The Greenbelt Writers Group will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Self-publishing will be discussed. Open readings are always held.

June is Peace Month and the June 19 meeting will highlight poetry and other writings about peace. For more information, contact Mary Moien at mmoien@aol.com. The group meets the third Friday of each month.

## MakerSpace Events

Tech classes return in May with the popular Arduino class to learn basic microelectronics and a new class to learn how to code in Python, a modern programming language that is a must-have skill for technology professionals. However, the goal for the Python class is to create for Minecraft. These classes start the second week of May. For more details, visit the make125.org website.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, May 7, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Friday, May 8, OFFICE CLOSED. For emergency maintenance service, call 301-474-6011.

Sunday, May 10, Woodlands Committee to host community booth, Greenbelt Farmers Market

Monday, May 11, 7 p.m., Member Outreach Committee Meeting, Board Room;

7:30 p.m., Marketing Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Tuesday, May 12, 7:30 p.m., Historic Preservation Task Force Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, May 13, 7 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, GHI Library;

7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, May 14, 7 p.m., GHI Annual Membership Meeting, Community Center

Friday, May 15, 7 to 10 a.m. and 5 to 8 p.m., GHI Elections, Board Room

## NARFE Monthly Meeting May 13

National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 1122, Northern Prince George’s County, will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room at the Greenbriar Community Building, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

The speaker will be Harrine Freeman, author of How to Get Out of Debt and Get an A Credit Rating for Free. Freeman is also the CEO and owner of HE Freeman Enterprises. Refreshments will be served. All federal workers and retirees are welcome.

## Boxwood Village Scholarship Open

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a resident of Boxwood Village. It is available to graduating high school seniors and to full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. The scholarship has been funded through the proceeds from the Boxwood Booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

The application form should be completed and returned by June 30. A scholarship committee composed of five Boxwood Village residents will choose this year’s recipient. For further information and/or to pick up an application form, call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597 or Brenda Cooley at 301-345-1388.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club enjoyed a great Anniversary Luncheon on April 22, attended by 77 people. The food was delicious, and there was fun music and good fellowship. Many thanks to all who helped make this event happen.

On May 13, Cynthia and Tony Mead will present a program on bird watching.

Several members attended Exploration Unlimited and were impressed by the information on the renovation of the Greenbelt theater and the many programs planned. We must all give this historic part of Greenbelt lots of support.

We were saddened by the death of Don Davis and send condolences to Ina and the family.

Enjoy the beautiful flowers and trees in Greenbelt and this lovely spring weather. Keep coming out to meetings and activities with the Golden Age Club.

## Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Thursday, May 7, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C. Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. SAW Open Mic hosted by Paige Powell from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, May 8, John Guernsey plays American standards from 7 to 8 p.m. The Moxie Blues Band offers up blues and blues rock with a touch of southern rock from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 9, Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. Guernsey plays jazz and blues on the piano from 7 to 8 p.m. Stream & The Blue Dragons perform joyous original melodies on flute, Turkish lute, bass, didgeridoo, drums and other unique instruments from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Reservations recommended for this performance.

Sunday, May 10, Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Djesben, a trio of multi-instrumentalists, perform original music, jazz, bebop, bossa nova and world music from 5 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 12, Sean Ashby is a one-man band show with bass, beats and six guitars. Ashby has been Sara McLachlan’s primary guitarist for twelve years and is nationally and internationally known. He will perform from 7 to 9 p.m. Reservations are recommended for this performance.

Wednesday, May 13, No Part of Nothing, a contemporary Americana bluegrass band, will perform bluegrass, country and swing music from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, May 14, Mid-Day Melodies from noon to 2 p.m. Open Mic hosted by James and Martha from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, May 15, Guernsey plays American standards on piano from 7 to 8 p.m. The Hounds offer up original, classic rock and country music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

## Time Bank Orientation

On Thursday, May 7 from 8 to 10 p.m., the Greenbelt Time Bank will hold its next orientation session for new and prospective members at the Greenbelt MakerSpace, 125 Centerway in Roosevelt Center. The Greenbelt Time Bank is a growing group, now numbering over 90 members who live, work or play in Greenbelt and are exchanging goods and services using hours instead of money. Participants earn hours by providing services to other members and spend them by receiving services.

The concept allows members to use their time and talents to help neighbors, get their own needs met and build a stronger community. Members have exchanged over 400 hours since its launch in October 2013.

For more information or to register, visit [greenbeltimebank.org](http://greenbeltimebank.org) or call 301-507-6765 or email [greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com](mailto:greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com).

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## WEEK OF May 8

### FRIDAY – SATURDAY

Hot Pursuit, PG13 (!)  
11:40, 2:00, 4:50, 7:00, 7:30, 9:10, 9:40  
Avengers: Age of Ultron, in 3D\*\*, PG13 (!!)  
12:00, 4:30, 9:00  
Avengers: Age of Ultron, in 2D, PG13 (!!)  
10:30, 11:15, 12:45, 1:30, 2:15, 3:00, 3:45, 5:15, 6:00, 6:45, 7:30, 8:15, 9:45  
Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2, PG-13  
11:45, 2:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:30  
Furious 7, R  
11:55, 3:30, 6:50, 9:50  
Home, PG  
11:55, 2:20, 4:45

### SUNDAY – WEDNESDAY


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### THURSDAY

Mad Max: Fury Road, R (!)  
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Pitch Perfect 2, PG13, (!)  
7:00  
Hot Pursuit, PG13 (!)  
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Book a seat at [greenbeltaccess@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltaccess@gmail.com)

See what’s showing on Comcast 77 and Verizon FiOS 19 by visiting [www.greenbelttv.org](http://www.greenbelttv.org) and click on “schedule”



# Obituaries

## Elizabeth Labukas

Longtime Greenbelt resident Elizabeth (Liz) Labukas, 59, died peacefully of complications from Down Syndrome Alzheimer's on Thursday, April 23, 2015, surrounded by friends and family in her group home in Beltsville.

Born in Washington, D.C., on September 5, 1955, Liz was the daughter of Peter P. and Eileen (Mudd) Labukas.

Liz, or Betty Jo as she was known for her first 21 years, grew up on Lakeside Drive where she was accepted in the neighborhood as just another kid on the block. She swam at the Greenbelt pool, skated on the lake in winter, went sledding in her big back yard and played ball with the rest of the kids. For many she was one of the first children with intellectual disabilities that the general population in Greenbelt encountered in a positive light.

In the 1950's the Prince George's County Public Schools System was one of the first school systems in the country to provide public education for students with multiple disabilities. Liz benefited from this schooling by attending a variety of special schools, graduating from Bowie Special Center in 1976.

Just like the rest of her family, Liz was an accomplished athlete. She won awards in Special Olympics in swimming and track and field. In her teenage years, a highlight in her athletic career came when she won second place in the International Special Olympics in the Run, Dribble and Shoot Individual Basketball Competition held in Tennessee.

Liz had an active social life as a member of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Friendly Bunch Social Club. They provided her with bi-monthly opportunities to attend movies and special events, dine out, show off her dancing skills with her boyfriend at the Spring Fling and Holiday Hop, and join the ski club. For more than 30 years she traveled with her social club on their annual mini-trips around the United States and beyond. Additionally, Liz loved bowling with her M-NCPPC Woodchoppers Bowling League on Saturdays. She was a serious bowler using only her own special bowling balls, her sports wrist band and her enthusiastic bowling techniques. Liz was also an active member of St. Hugh's Parish and a member of the Sodality.

In 1994 Liz moved to a CALMRA, Inc. group home on Eastway in Old Greenbelt where she lived for 18 years. Greenbelters would often encounter her walking through the Roosevelt

Center with her roller backpack on her way to her job as program aide at the Greenbelt Nursery School (GNS). Her job coaching was provided by New Horizons, Inc., which helped her maintain her job for over 33 years. Liz was a known figure in Greenbelt, having touched the lives of many generations of children. She was proud of her job working with the pre-school children and could remember all their names even after they moved on to elementary school. She retired in 2011.

After living in Greenbelt for 56 years, Liz moved to a CALMRA, Inc. group home in Beltsville when her health started to decline. This house was on one floor, and Liz was ecstatic that she wouldn't have to climb any stairs to get to her bedroom. Liz had to keep busy, so when she retired from the GNS, she began attending the CALMRA Mary Solko Day Program in Laurel. She loved all the activities and attention the staff provided, especially field trips to the Amish Market to buy donuts.

Liz led a very full life. It was well known that she was an ardent Dallas Cowboys fan; but, by far, she will especially be remembered for her smiles, hugs and positive outlook on life.

Liz is survived by her sisters, Kathy Labukas and Lynn Edward, and her brother Pete Labukas. She is also loved by many members of her extended family and a multitude of friends.

A memorial mass was held at St. Hugh's Catholic Church on April 28. Liz will be buried with her parents at Arlington Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to CALMRA, Inc., 5020 Sunnyside Ave. #206, Beltsville, MD 20705.

— Kathy Labukas



Condolences to longtime Greenbriar resident Ima Davis and her family on the death of her husband Don C. Davis on April 24, 2015, at the age of 90.

### Congratulations:

— Happy Birthday to outstanding citizen John Henry Jones. On May 6, the "only octogenarian News Review carrier in Greenbelt" added a seventh year to that august title.

— Three Greenbelters are important to the two-character play 2 Across, which starts May 8 at Theater Project Beltsville, located on Rhode Island Avenue in Beltsville. Lifetime Greenbelter and Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduate Rachel Zirkin Duda and Mike Larson, also of Greenbelt, are the stars. Director of the play is another Greenbelt resident, Franklin Akers. Akers, who has directed two shows at the Greenbelt Arts Center, is producing director of the fledgling Theater Project Beltsville. The play, by Jerry Mayer, is about two strangers, both crossword puzzle fans, who meet on a commuter train in San Francisco.

— Kudos to Joshua Headley, Greenbelt resident and high school junior at Kennedy Krieger High School in Baltimore, who has two reasons to celebrate. For the third year he made his school varsity soccer team. Their team won the last two annual championships and they're hoping for a three-year sweep. Also, Joshua was notified that he is a recipient of a scholarship that will cover his tuition this summer at a driving school. The official award will take place at a formal ceremony in June.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards and honors to share with our readers. To send us information email us at [news-review@verizon.net](mailto:news-review@verizon.net) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland



## Cookies at the Bridge Weekday Afternoons



PHOTO BY ELLEN NOLL

Greenbelt City Councilmembers Judith Davis and Silke Pope and Mayor Emmett Jordan enjoy Cookies at the Bridge.

If you are looking for something fun and worthwhile to do, please consider Cookies at the Bridge. We meet weekdays at 3:15 p.m. to offer cookies to students coming home from Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

We stay on the Old Greenbelt side of the Spellman Overpass until about 4 p.m. Our goal is to ensure the safety of our students as they make their way home. Call 301-474-9410 and leave a message if you want to join us or have any questions.



Share what is going on in your faith community with your neighbors.

Christianity And...

Nietzsche: The Will to Power April 22

Camus: Absurdity & God May 6

Poetry: Words, Rhythm & Prayer May 20

2015 7:30pm at Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4212

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors

[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10 a.m.

Join us for Friendship Dinner 11:30

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Come worship God with us!

Sunday School 9:45AM

Worship Service 11:00AM

101 Greenhill Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

(301) 474-4212 [www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)

Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

[www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org](http://www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org)

Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.

Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff, Pastor

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi

Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

May 10, 10 a.m.

"Loving the Hell Out of the World"

Rev. Christina Leone Tracy, guest minister; with Worship Associate Carol Boston; Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration Dayna Edwards; and the Choir

Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.

Municipal Building

ALL ARE WELCOME.

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

301-474-4322

Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Mishkan Torah Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM

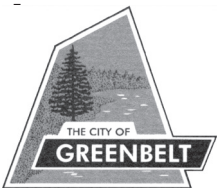
Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM

Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)

Conservative and Reconstructionist





# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING

Municipal Building, May 11, 2015 – 8:00 p.m.

### ORGANIZATION

Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \*] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)  
Approval of Agenda and Additions

### COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
  - ACE Student Awards
  - County Council Member Todd Turner – Proposed County Budget Briefing
  - 22nd District Delegation – Legislative Wrap-Up
- Petitions and Requests  
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- \*Committee Reports
  - Arts Advisory Board, Report #15-3 (Evaluation of FY 2016 Recognition Group and Contribution Group Applications)
  - Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Report #15-1 (FY 2016 Contribution and Recognition Groups Budget Review)

### LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Recodification of the City Code from Municipal Code Corporation at a Cost Not to Exceed \$12,450 - 1st Reading

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Council Reports
- \* - Reappointment to Advisory Group
- \* - Resignation from Advisory Group

### MEETINGS

*NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov) to reach the City Clerk.*



## Bike to Work Day 2015 is Friday, May 15th!

Register now at [www.biketo-workmetrodc.org/](http://www.biketo-workmetrodc.org/) and remember the first 14,000 registrants

are eligible for a free t-shirt.

Take a pit stop anytime from 6:30am-8:30am at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center parking lot. Refreshments will be provided to registered participants arriving by bike.

Commuter Connections and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association invites you to join over 10,000 area commuters for a celebration of bicycling as a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work.

Pit Stop Manager: Di Quynn-Reno 240-542-2053

## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 11-15

Monday, May 11 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AND ACE STUDENT AWARDS**, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipal/tv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipal/tv)

Wednesday, May 13 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Rm 114. On the agenda... Economic Development Strategy – Draft APB Report and Update on Various Planning Projects

Wednesday, May 13 at 7:30pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION -FINAL BUDGET REVIEW** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.

*The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*

## FAMILY FUN IN GREENBELT ON SATURDAY, MAY 16

### PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE 10:00am-2:00pm at Public Works, 555 Crescent Road

Children love this popular event as they get to climb on all the different types of work trucks, ride the cherry picker, enjoy demonstrations, refreshments, tours, play in the mulch pile and more! See all we do for you at Public Works! Green ACES/ Green Team will have information on energy efficiency, recycling and sustainability. For information call 301-474-8004.



### CELEBRATION OF SPRING 2:00pm-6:00pm at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Come enjoy Live Music (The N2N Band), Arts & Crafts, Xbox and PlayStation Game Tents, Magician, Community Info Tables, Inflatables, Girl Scout Activities, Free Snow Cones, Cotton Candy and Popcorn with Greenbelt Recreation Department and your neighbors and friends. Children and parents alike will be delighted on this fun filled day.



**Greenbelt Animal Shelter**

*We Are Expecting Kittens!*

**It's a KITTEN SHOWER**

Saturday, May 9 from 10am-2pm  
American Legion-6900 Greenbelt Road

Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter at 550-A Crescent Road. Info: 301-474-6124

We are registered for: Cat Beds, Fleece Blankets, Towels, Kitten Food (both dry and wet), Kitten Replacement Milk, Kitten Bottles, Toys, Heating Pad, Kitten/Cat Collars, Pine Fresh Litter, Litter Pans (smaller the better), Cat Carriers, Cat Trees, Dish Detergent (Lemon Joy is best), Canned Pumpkin, Mineral Oil, Feliway, Cat Nail Clippers and Monetary Donations Towards the Revamping of the cats rooms.

**LIGHT SNACKS, MIMOSAS, BASKET RAFFLES AND FUN GAMES!**

**2015 Green Man Festival**

*A Celebration of Our Streams and Waterways*

**Saturday, May 9  
Sunday, May 10**

Roosevelt Center  
131 Centerway  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Attention High School Students!  
Bring your community service forms!  
Recruiting Volunteers Now!  
RSVP Required to Volunteer@CHEARS.org  
OR VISIT <http://www.signupgenius.com/cgi-bin/onlineForm2.asp?formID=20084e0a72e0a172>  
Sponsored by the Chesapeake Education, Arts & Research Society (CHEARS)

**FOSTERING KITTENS WORKSHOP**



**Saturday, May 16 from 11am -1pm**  
Greenbelt Police Station, 550 Crescent Road  
RSVP <https://www.facebook.com/events/830236273725291/>

Learn how to care for the very young kittens that come into the shelter. Register to become one of the kitten nursery team! We would like to teach those interested in becoming kitten mommies and daddies to help the shelter save more lives during this kitten season. You must attend a training in order to become a foster for kittens.

## DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers  
Every second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Saturday of the month  
Next one: Saturday, May 9, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon  
Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center  
Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308

### SAVE THE DATE...

- **May 23: Outdoor Pool Opens**
- **May 29: Grand Re-Opening of the Greenbelt Theatre**
- **June 6 from 9am-12p: Rescheduled Shredding Day in the Roosevelt Center Parking Lot**
- **June 6 from 10am-2pm: Pet Expo Block Party at the Greenbelt Dog Park, 7201 Hanover Drive**
- **June 6 & 7: Greenbelt Day Weekend...info coming soon.**

More info soon at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)



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the top priority. He proposes to fund the project with a Community Development Block Grant.

There were a couple of perspectives on signage. Councilmember Silke Pope thanked Sterling for the installation of nine directional signs to the police department and fire department (seven signs). Mayor Emmet Jordan expressed some concerns about the proliferation of signs in some areas of the city, however, and saw a need for someone to suggest how to consolidate them. Councilmember Judith Davis countered that the planned Gateway signage plan would address this issue.

Sustainability

The city government has made considerable gains toward its goal of providing a sustainable environment for Greenbelters. In addition to its commitment to use green techniques for weed control, Sterling expects that as of July 1 the city will be 100 percent green in terms of the chemicals used in cleaning its facilities and vehicles.

Most impressively, the city has met and surpassed its goal of reducing its carbon footprint by 20 percent of 2005 levels by 2020. A 2014 measurement showed the city’s carbon footprint to be down 55 percent from that baseline. The goal was set in 2012.

City staff used grants and rebates to replace lights in city facilities and parking lots with LED versions, which use less electricity. To date, the city has received \$143,762 in Maryland Smart Energy Communities grants for this work and received \$11,360 in rebates. An additional grant has been applied for to convert additional locations. The city is also looking to install solar energy panels at the Public Works facility and the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Recycling

On a lower-tech side, staff is also working to increase the city’s recycling rate. According to budget comments, providing residents with rolling carts for their recyclables results in a higher recycling volume. To date, the city has provided carts in Boxwood Village and Greenspring I and II. The original goal was to purchase 100 carts per year for distribution to the 775 single family homes in the city. However, only 50 carts were funded in the current fiscal

year and McLaughlin’s proposed budget has maintained funding at that level.

Councilmembers Judith Davis and Leta Mach supported increasing this funding, with Davis calling for the full 100 carts planned and Mach pressing for enough carts to finish Greenspring II.

Reaching the city’s goal of recycling 60 percent of its refuse by 2020 may be difficult. In 2014 the city recycled 55 percent of its trash. It has hit higher rates, such as the 57 percent in 2010, but that uptick was the result of the disposal of branches and trees knocked down in storms. Milled asphalt is also included in the recycling totals.

In addition, the county is reducing the types of materials it will accept at its recycling center. GreenACES (Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability) is looking for alternatives. In particular, plastic bags may not be accepted in the future. Robles also plans an educational effort to remind residents not to put their recyclables in plastic bags.

Jordan asked how much land would be needed (at Northway Fields or elsewhere) for the city to do its own composting. Robles said they would need to take out one of the ball fields. Sterling said two acres plus equipment would be required, entailing a substantial cost.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts opposed using the area for composting, citing concerns about potential pollution of the creek below the site. He objected to current practices at the location, saying it’s supposed to be a recreation area not a place to pile asphalt. The mulch pile also poses a safety concern, he said, worried that when it gets too high with a steep edge it could collapse on children playing on it.

Beavers and Dogs

Parks Superintendent Richard Fink said the department has been fencing a lot of trees, especially in Buddy Attick Park. Felling trees is what beavers do, he said, so the city will leave some, protect others with metal fencing and plant more to replace those lost.

Pope said the dog park needs attention after nearly 20 years of operation. Fink said he met with a group of dog park users the week before to hear their

concerns about maintenance, equipment and signage and will work with that group to address these concerns. He is also working with a potential donor to develop a proposal for council consideration.

Pope suggested a rain barrel for drinking water for the dogs and for doing something to provide some shade at the park.

Pope and Davis also voiced concern about muddy conditions at the Animal Shelter. Davis suggested adding \$5,000 to the proposed budget to improve the front grounds in addition to the \$15,000 for the dog yard already on the list of possible additions to the budget.

Sterling also noted they are getting quotes for a pervious surface to provide a path at Belle Point Park.

Mechanics

Two of the three city mechanics have retired during the current year. The department has trained a former member of the streets crew as a mechanic and hired a non-classified part-time staffer. Although they’ve been advertising for mechanics for nearly a year, they have had minimal applicants and have been unable to hire anyone. Sterling said, however, that he is currently considering a couple of good applicants.

Sterling attributed this difficulty to the pay scale and the requirement to be ASE (Automobile Service Excellence) certified. One management objective for the coming year is to look at the mechanics shop and come back with recommendations. Roberts urged dropping the requirement for ASE certification but Sterling was concerned with possible liability issues with the police cars if certification were dropped.

We Celebrate Elaine Skolnik

The following is part of a series of vignettes about Elaine Skolnik written by her friends and colleagues over the years. They celebrate the 60-plus years Elaine has been on the staff as president of the board of directors, reporter and news editor of the Greenbelt News Review. The News Review will honor Elaine at a luncheon at the Greenbelt Marriott on Saturday, May 30. See ad below for information on how to attend the luncheon.

Congratulations

Dear Elaine,

Congratulations on your retirement but I’m not sure the paper can make it without you. I have so admired your deep knowledge of your job, your work ethic and your cheerful manner. You have been an example to me and the dozens of others you have worked with. Most people never achieve that kind of admiration. I’ll be thinking of you on May 30 and wishing I were there.

Mavis Fletcher  
former vice president  
of the News Review Board of Directors  
and city council reporter during the 1980s.  
She now lives in Kansas.

Kindred Spirits

Elizabeth Harrington became the first woman mayor in the State of Maryland when she was elected to Greenbelt’s City Council for her second term in 1949, and was chosen to be Mayor. I doubt if Elizabeth Harrington and Elaine ever knew each other, but they are kindred spirits.

In an interview in 1981, Mrs Harrington talked about her beliefs regarding women and their lives. I think the following statement pretty much describes Elaine’s beliefs, too:

“My husband and I . . . felt that there were a great many things that needed to be done in the community, and that for some reason, a woman could do them better . . . I was not employed. I could therefore be very independent. I could say what I wanted to say...and I could do what I wanted to do in the community. I was there all day, the men all had jobs . . . they didn’t know what was going on . . . I did.”

Now I wish the two of them could sit down together for a good discussion about their lives in Greenbelt. What a great story Elaine could then write for us.

Written by Dorothy Lauber,  
former Greenbelt City Clerk

Greenbelt News Review

Is Hosting a Luncheon Honoring

Elaine Skolnik

Saturday, May 30 at 12:30 p.m.

Greenbelt Marriott

6400 Ivy Lane, Greenbelt, MD



All reservations must be received no later than May 20.  
No refunds after that date.

Cost \$36 per person

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
for \_\_\_\_\_ persons

Menu Selection

(Choose one entree per person)

- ☐ Chicken    ☐ Grilled Salmon  
☐ Vegetarian

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check payable to **Greenbelt News Review** and mail to:  
Greenbelt News Review, Attn: Elaine Skolnik Luncheon,  
15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770

Watkins Nature Center Hosts Family Campfire

What better way to spend a summer night than by a campfire, roasting marshmallows? Join the Watkins Nature Center for a campfire series starting in May. The campfire will be on Friday, May 15 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. A park naturalist will read a nature story at the outdoor amphitheater as the fire burns. The naturalist will also bring an animal for participants to meet. Another campfire will be held on May 29.

The campfires are for those ages 2 and older, and there is a nominal fee. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather. Children and their parents and/or adult chaperones must be registered. Visit the online registration page at smartlink.pg parks.com, or register in person at an M-NCPPC community center. The Nature Center is located at 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro.

GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE  
Call 1-800-RED CROSS





### Beginner’s Trail Walk At Greenbelt Park

Never been on a trail? Come discover the beauty of Greenbelt Park.

Join a park ranger on a beginner’s trail walk on Sunday, May 10 and Monday, May 11 at 10 a.m. Meet at the Azalea Trail in the Sweetgum Picnic Area.

Reservations are required; call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

The park entrance is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road between the Baltimore Washington Parkway and Kenilworth Avenue. Visit the park’s website at [nps.gov/gree/](http://nps.gov/gree/)

### Open Bike Jaunt On Bowie Trail

Greenbelt Cub Scout Pack 202 (boys in grades 1 through 5) and their families will be going on an eight-mile round-trip bike adventure on the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis (WB&A) trail in Bowie on Saturday, May 9. The public is invited to join; contact Jonathan Murray at [jdblockhead@yahoo.com](mailto:jdblockhead@yahoo.com) to register.

### Computer Club Meets May 14

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 14 at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 112 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to discussions on computers and consumer electronics.

### Co-op’s Patron Day Food, Wine Tastings

The Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy will offer wine tastings on May 8, 15 and 22, 4 to 7 p.m., and May 27, 5 to 7 p.m. Enjoy a sample of Co-op’s selections and save 5% on tasting wines.

This month’s Healthy Happy Hour on May 11, 5 to 7 p.m., will feature asparagus guacamole. Patron Appreciation Day and the Seasonal & Savory Food Demo and Wine Tasting are on May 27, 5 to 7 p.m. Staff will serve a minty green pea dip and pair it with features from Co-op’s wine department.

Visit the Co-op’s website, [greenbelt.coop](http://greenbelt.coop), for information on this month’s specials and events.

### Crazy Quilt Festival Brings Music to Center

Saturday, May 16, from noon to 8 p.m., the New Deal Café will present the 14th Annual Crazy Quilt Festival in Roosevelt Center. This free outdoor concert features regional musicians performing a wide variety of music.

The concert is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts, with support from the City of Greenbelt. After 8 p.m., festival music will continue inside the café. (See ad on page 14 or [newdealcafe.com](http://newdealcafe.com) for more details.)

### Butterfly Brigade Takes Wing

The Butterfly Brigade and Celebrate the Greenbelt Forest Preserve will be flying about the Green Man Festival. Make a pollinator finger puppet or purchase a raffle ticket to win 20 weeks of fresh veggies and fruits from Calvert Farms CSA and other great prizes. Learn about legislation to help save pollinators and join in the children’s parade. If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket early please contact Susan Barnett, 301-474-7465 or [sunburn@earthlink.net](mailto:sunburn@earthlink.net).

### Fire Benefits Wildlife, Habitat and Visitors

Personnel from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are scheduled to conduct a series of controlled burns on Patuxent Research Refuge lands from April 10 through April 30. Residents and visitors to the area may see or smell smoke periodically during this time.

Depending on weather conditions and available personnel, burns may occur on both the North and South Tract portions of the refuge located south of MD Rt.198 and east of the Baltimore/Washington Parkway (Rt. 295).

Expert fire teams may burn grassland fields to reduce hazardous fuels, conduct research on controlling non-native plants, and restore important wildlife habitat. Additionally, a forested area may be burned to restore a savannah or sandy barrens habitat to benefit rare insects and plants.

Patuxent Research Refuge will only burn under favorable weather conditions to keep the fire manageable and to minimize smoke in local communities. Because burning is weather-dependent, it is difficult to provide significant advanced notice of the timing of each burn. However, appropriate state and county agencies will be notified ahead of each time.

Because human safety is the number one priority during controlled burning, some refuge roads may be closed to the public. Visitors are encouraged to check with the Refuge for possible closures (301-497-5770/5772) before visiting.

One reason the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service uses controlled burns is to reduce flammable vegetation posing hazards to visitors and local communities if they burned in an uncontrolled wildfire. The controlled burns do much more than make the refuge safer. According to Refuge Manager, Brad Knudsen, controlled burning is an appropriate and effective tool to manage wildlife habitat. “Research indicates that controlled burning has many benefits over other habitat management practices. Fire helps control undesirable exotic plants, maintains grassland habitats for nesting birds and small mammals, promotes wild flowers and other native plants, reduces the accumulation of organic debris and releases nutrients back into the soil. The use of controlled burns also supports Patuxent’s unique role as a research refuge by allowing scientists to study the effect of fire on a variety of refuge habitats.”

Controlled burns are authorized under Patuxent Research Refuge’s Prescribed Fire Plan, updated and approved by Fish and Wildlife Service officials every three years.

For additional information regarding Patuxent Research Refuge visit [patuxent.fws.gov](http://patuxent.fws.gov).

### Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday  
10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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6905 Greenbelt Road  
Greenbelt, Md. **301-345-5111**

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brings additional non-indigenous shoppers to the Center and exposes them to other Greenbelt possibilities, for example the re-opened movie theater or Center restaurants, which they might not otherwise have discovered.

Meanwhile the roster at the market is in its final state. Most prior year vendors are back, with new additions in prepared foods and vegetables. Wineries are well represented on a rotating schedule, and with meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, eggs, coffee, desserts and pickles most food groups are well represented. Information on this year’s vendors, schedules and special events as well as opportunities to donate and volunteer can be found on the Farmers Market website: [greenbeltfarmersmarket.org](http://greenbeltfarmersmarket.org).

*Cathie Meetre is a member of the Farmers Market Board of Directors.*



PHOTO BY ANNE MARIGZA

Farmers Market volunteers (from left, Mara Hemminger, Mary-Denise Smith and Susan Harris have a jolly time as they help out in the information booth. Bob Marigza was also present and is partially shown.

## Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club

Serving the Maryland 22nd Legislative District and Beyond...

### What Went Right, What Went Wrong in Annapolis?

Featuring Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Alonzo Washington

Friday, May 15, 7:30 pm

Club Social Outing

Sunday, May 31, 12:30pm - Lunch at Beijing Restaurant \$10 followed by the powerful play, "Raisin in the Sun" at the Greenbelt Arts Center at 2 pm \$17

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Make reservations for either or both activities at the May 15 meeting or call 202-321-4207 to RSVP

## This Weekend!!!

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Greenbelt

# Green Man Festival

10 – 6 Saturday & 11 – 5 Sunday

## On the Roosevelt Center - Celebrating Our Streams and Waterways

Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>

10 am - Festival opens -with a Drum Circle	11:00 am – Peat & Barley
11:45 Opening Ceremonies –	Noon - Tower Green
And the Parade of all Creatures	12:30 pm - <b>“The Great Invisible”</b>
Noon - Kate Gaughan – Drum Jam	a documentary on the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion
12:30 pm – the movie <b>Oceans</b> in the theater	1:00 pm – Ayreheart
1:00 pm – KIVA	2:00 pm – Mike Elosh
2:15 pm – the Scrub Pines	3:00 pm – Wynne Paris
3:30 pm - Teresa Whitaker and Frank Schwartz	4:00 pm – Woven Green
4:45pm – Global Warming	

### Presentations

<b>11am to 2 pm</b> Friends School - <b>a look at life under the microscope-</b>	<b>2:30pm</b> - Prince George’s Department of the Environment - <b>“Watch Your Water! How you can Partner with Prince George’s County to Fund Storm Water Controls and Greenscaping at Home and Work”</b> – Greenbelt Community Center
<b>Noon</b> - Kim Knox - <b>“Save Water and Money in Your Home and Business”</b> - Greenbelt Theatre	<b>3:30pm</b> - ERHS Science & Technology Students <b>“Measuring the Effects of Various Stress Factors on Honeybees”</b> – Greenbelt Community Center
<b>12:45pm</b> - BCWWG - <b>“Life in the Water: What Macroinvertebrates Tell Us about the Health of Creeks”</b> at their booth	



## Enhanced-Accessibility For Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will be hosting an enhanced-accessibility star party this Saturday, May 9 from 9 to 11 p.m. at the City of Greenbelt Observatory, located at Northway Fields. Those who find it difficult to climb Observatory Hill will be welcome to drive up and park at the top. Those who wish to climb the ladder in the observatory can, but there will be no need because of a monitor at ground level showing live video from the observatory’s telescope.

This weekend, Mercury and Venus will be as high in the sky as they get, so attendees will observe them at the start of the session. Jupiter will be up throughout the evening and Saturn will be up for the last half of the session. Attendees will also observe M82 (the Cigar Galaxy), perhaps some star clusters (M13 and M92) and, later in the session, a planetary nebula (M57).

There is no fee for the event. Those who do not need to drive up the hill should park in the ball field lot. As always, the star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for May 7 through 13 are as follows:

Thursday: grape juice, sloppy joe, ranch beans, coleslaw, wheat hamburger bun, hot glazed peaches.

Friday: apple juice, cranberry Dijon chicken thigh, oven-roasted potatoes, Brussel sprouts, wheat roll with margarine, heavenly fruit salad.

Monday: pineapple juice, tomato vegetable soup with crackers, shrimp salad, soft potato bun, lettuce and tomato coleslaw, sliced beets with red onions, bag of pretzels, blueberry treat dessert.

Tuesday: apple juice, potato crusted fish, lima beans, Harvard beets, tartar sauce, wheat bread with margarine, diced pears.

Wednesday: cranberry juice, hamburger on wheat bun, lettuce and tomato, tater tots, cucumber and tomato salad, ketchup, mustard, apple crisp.

## World Bonsai Day Open House

On Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the U.S. National Arboretum will hold an open house for World Bonsai Day. World Bonsai Day celebrates the belief that bonsai has the power to unite people by acting as a bridge to international friendship and peace. Activities include bonsai demonstrations, drawings for trees, guided museum tours and more at the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum. Admission and all events are free.

The National Arboretum is located at 3501 New York Avenue, NE. See [usna.usda.gov](http://usna.usda.gov) for more information.

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Relax and enjoy, or join in when you like. Bring your drum and join the drum circle. No drum? No problem. An African dance instructor on Saturday morning will show folks ways to move to the rhythm of the drums. Long to make that haunting music of the Outback? Don’t miss the didgeridoo workshop on Saturday afternoon inside the New Deal Café. Find your favorite music, sing along and dance until you drop, make a spectacle, eat, laugh and then start all over again.

### Arts and Crafts Vendors

The festive market of vendors will display arts and crafts from practical to luxurious. Shop ahead to cross off some birthday and holiday gifts from your list. Mom can pick her own perfect Mother’s Day gift while strolling and chatting with the artisans about their creations. Jewelry, soaps and creams, photographs, paintings, handmade cloth, pottery, sculptures from recyclables, toys and games make welcome gifts for every occasion. Local writers will be on hand with their books, an opportunity for you to collect a signed first edition.

### Creative Fun for Children

Kids will have a ball at the Festival. Activities range from creating magical fairy gardens to a recycling scavenger hunt. Keep an eye out for the Green Man and his Praying Mantis on Saturday - they could pop up any time! Special events for children will include taking nature walks and discovering the aquatic wonders in a drop of water under a microscope. A wandering magician will appear (and perhaps disappear, who knows?) on Sunday. Face painting and mask making will transform children into magical or fearsome creatures as they parade, dance and play. The Zero Waste team will organize a lively beanbag game, Toss the Trash, a fun way to learn the tricks of recycling. Arts and crafts to spark every child’s imagination will include mosaic workshops, chalk art and flag decorations.

Children are encouraged to prepare artwork and/or story writing about how best to keep our water clean or conserve on water use, brought from home or developed at the Festival. The best will be recognized in a contest to be judged on Sunday afternoon (no need to be present). Fifteen selected winners will receive free one-day passes to the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center.

### Old Greenbelt Theatre

The Old Greenbelt Theatre will also get involved in the action. Here is a sneak preview for the weekend.

Saturday afternoon at 12:30 p.m. – Disneynature’s Oceans

A beautiful film that is great for kids. Before the screening (11:45 a.m.), families are invited to join the Parade of Wild Spirit, where children will “swim” through the Festival enacting their favorite aquatic and woodland creatures (costumes, masks and painted faces are especially welcome)!

Sunday afternoon at 12:30 p.m.

– The Great Invisible

A documentary on the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico as seen through the eyes of oil executives, employee survivors and Gulf Coast residents.

A suggested donation will support the non-profit Chesapeake Education, Arts & Research Society (CHEARS – [www.chears.org](http://www.chears.org)), which sponsors this Festival, in partnership with the City of Greenbelt, and supports the health of the Chesapeake Bay watershed ecosystem through year-round projects.

### Non-Profit Booths

Special guests will include AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps, Bowie-Upper Marlboro Beekeepers Association, Community Forklift, Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy, Patuxent Research Refuge, Prince George’s Audubon Society, Prince George’s County Department of the Environment, Prince George’s County Master Gardeners and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. Greenbelt organizations include: Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Butterfly Brigade, CHEARS, City of Greenbelt Green Team/Green ACES, Greenbelt Biota, Greenbelt Climate Action Network and Prince George’s County Peace & Justice Coalition.

### Celebrating Our Waterways

The Green Man calls attention this year to water and the life-sustaining waterways running through our region and our lives. Water can shape-shift into many forms and speaks the truth. Even in a pothole, shaped by ice and filled with runoff, it can stop us in our tracks, grabbing our attention, bringing us to the present moment. A sudden thunderstorm on a hot baking day fills all our senses – we turn our faces toward the sky, and stand amazed until we’re drenched. With just one brief encounter, water can focus our attention and trigger the poet in us all, as effectively as can floating gardens of water lilies.

We live in a world that is mostly water. Our little corner of this watery world, the Chesapeake Bay watershed, nurtures us generously. Humans are not alone along these fertile riversides, dappled streambeds and rain-fed forests. When we celebrate our waterways, we have experts to consult: crabs and oysters, fish and turtles, beavers, frogs, egrets, great blue herons and all creatures that splash and dive. This entire fellowship of creatures makes the Chesapeake Bay watershed a home and haven for us all.

### Feast at the Festival

Delicious food will be plentiful, including vegan food, baked goods and other treats. If eating outdoors, visitors are encouraged to join in the Festival’s sustainability goals by bringing a personal tote bag with an already filled reusable water bottle, and eating plate ware, utensils, napkins and whatever else you need to make your meal waste-free. Don’t forget! The Roosevelt Center is a veritable food court. Expect a

festive welcome at Beijing, DMV Pizza, Generous Joe’s, New Deal Café and the Co-op salad and deli bars. And who can resist a sweet dessert from Chef Lou?

### In Appreciation

This Festival is made possible by hard-working and much appreciated volunteers, and by generous donors, including Adelphi Friends Meeting, City of Greenbelt, Drink More Water, Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, My Organic Market, Greenbelters and friends and the New Deal Café.

### All Are Welcome

The comfy outdoor dining spots in the lovely plaza provide a perfect view for people watching. Folks not able or inclined to frolic are invited to stop by, enjoy a relaxing snack and bring back memories of those early Earth Days of the seventies. It’s non-stop nostalgic entertainment as Greenbelters rock their tie dye and Birkenstocks, dance with the Green Man, drum, sing and party like it’s 1979.

*Prepared by a collaboration of Green Man supporters.*

## Free Vocal Concert at The Clarice

The University of Maryland School of Music presents a free concert: My Fancy Late and Early – A Springtime “Greerriade” or The Songs and Vocal Chamber Music of John Greer on Wednesday, May 13 at 8 p.m. in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Canadian composer John Greer has written some of Canada’s most-performed art songs and arrangements of Canadian folk music. He has been working with UMD singers and pianists for the semester. Some of these students, along with faculty members Linda Mabbs and Rita Sloan, will join in a presentation of vocal music that includes folk arrangements, song cycles and a performance of an answer to Brahms’ Liebeslieder, the Liebesleid Lieder for vocal quarter and piano four hands.

## UMD Offers Mahler Chamber Concert

Graduate fellowship chamber ensembles will perform a free concert on Thursday, May 14 at 8 p.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice.

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# Bring your Own Reusables to the Green Man Festival

by Erin Josephitis

On the Path to Zero Waste – Bring Your Own Reusables! Water, the theme driving this year’s Green Man Festival May 9 and 10, is a resource that is all too often taken for granted, even though everyone needs it to survive. Oceans, lakes and streams provide leisure and recreation. It is no wonder why the streams and waterways of the Chesapeake Bay watershed are the lifeblood of the region. Given that water is basically free, depending on how it is sourced, the question remains, why, in the midst of today’s great need for sustainable answers, does the market for single serve plastic water bottles continue. In fact, the most commonly collected trash item by far at this year’s Earth Day Cleanup of the Indian Creek watershed was plastic water bottles. With the depleted health of the Chesapeake Bay, it is of utmost importance that everyone act now to protect the watershed and eliminate this unnecessary, damaging, resource-depleting item from their day-to-day-lives.

These are a few of the many reasons why the Green Team / Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (ACES) is advocating for zero waste at the Green Man Festival. The goal of this effort is to return to whole-systems waste management with the ideal of no waste. The group also aims to reduce the loss of resources into the landfill and to begin the process by encouraging citizens to refuse unnecessary waste – such as single-use water bottles. They hope to raise awareness of how used materials can become resources for others to use, through repairing, refurbishing, refinishing, reselling, recycling or rotting (composting). And finally they encourage the re-use of material wherever possible.

It is easy for anyone to be a part of the zero waste effort if they simply remember to BYOR or Bring Your Own Reusable water bottle, dishware, forks and knives. Visitors at the festival can come to the water stations to refill their water bottle or cup. To be included in the tally of BYOR participants, festival-goers should let the Zero Waste booth know that they brought their own bottle or dinnerware.

Among the many perks of BYOR is that participants can pick up a free reusable shopping bag at the Green Team / Greenbelt ACES booth (while supplies last). At the booth, visitors can also sign up to receive a discounted compost bin and rain barrel. Experts in the fields of waste management and sustainability will be at the booth to answer questions and teach about zero waste efforts in different parts of the country and which materials should be restricted, redesigned or removed from production.

### New Layout

The layout of the Roosevelt Center will look slightly different from past Green Man Festivals. Volunteers will be present at the trash receptacles to advocate for zero waste by teaching festival guests how to discard materials into the appropriate recyclable, compostable or landfill waste containers. Temporary compost buckets will also be placed near

food vendors and throughout the Roosevelt Center to collect leftover food scraps, which will be composted locally by Greenbelt Compost Co-op members. Volunteers will also monitor and record the weight of compostable materials in order to measure food waste diverted from the landfill. Then, the compostable plates, cups and utensils will be transferred to MOM’s of College

Park and turned into compost for the local economy.

The zero waste effort has sparked change in one local merchant – the New Deal Café – where the Board of Directors and Chef Karim Kamaiha have teamed up to purchase compostable plates and carryout containers. Let the New Deal Café know how their sustainable efforts are appreciated.

The path is clear, zero waste is the route to take in order to reach a sustainable society, a resilient economy, safe environment and social well-being. By implementing zero waste efforts at this year’s Green Man Festival, the Green Team / Greenbelt ACES hopes to eliminate as much waste as possible to our land, water, and air to reduce threats to planetary and human health. Be sure

to stay posted on updates after the festival to learn how many participants brought their own reusables and how much waste was diverted from the landfill.

To learn more about participating in zero waste efforts, contact Erin Josephitis, Volunteer Maryland Coordinator, at [Erin@CHEARS.org](mailto:Erin@CHEARS.org).

*Susan Barnett contributed to this article.*

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



The New Deal Café will hold its annual membership meeting at the Café on Sunday, May 17th at 1:00pm. Sign-in and payment of annual dues begins at 12:30pm. Reports will be presented. Elections will be held for 2 positions on the Board of Directors and 3 positions on the Audit Committee.

Voting will also take place on four proposed bylaw changes:

Proposed 2015 New Deal Café Bylaw Amendments (Changes)  
Note: These bylaws were proposed by the Audit Committee and are intended to reflect bylaw proposals in item 6 of the *2014 Audit Committee Report*.  
The New Deal Café Board of Directors has endorsed these bylaw proposals.

### Proposed Bylaw Change #1: Audit Committee

Under Article VII Committees, insert a new Section 1 (and renumber the subsequent section(s)):  
ADD text in **bold** and underlined

- Section 1. Audit Committee**
- The Audit Committee shall consist of 3 members who shall serve a 1-year term. Terms begin and end upon certification of election by the membership. The Audit Committee shall elect a chair. No officer, employee, or director of the Corporation shall be eligible to serve on the Audit Committee.**
  - The functions of the Audit Committee shall be to review and evaluate: (a) the financial statements and audit reports of the Corporation; (b) its accounting system, accounting procedures, and operating budget;; (c) policies and practices followed with respect to financial accounts and reserves; (d) financial policies and practices; and (e) pursuant to the policies established by the Board and the Bylaws, the various operations of the Corporation in order to determine management's effectiveness in administering the affairs of the Corporation economically and efficiently.**
  - The Audit Committee may make such reports and recommendations to the Board of Directors and to the membership of the Corporation as it may deem appropriate, and shall make an annual report to the membership of the Corporation concerning its findings, and its operations throughout the year, and such report shall contain an accounting of any Audit Committee expenditures throughout the year. Any reports to the membership other than at the regular annual meeting of the members of the Corporation shall be mailed or delivered no later than thirty days after presentation to the secretary or to the business office of the Corporation.**
  - Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by the remaining membership of the Committee, after notice of the vacancies is publicized by the Audit Committee and a two week period is provided for submission of suggested names of candidates to the Committee.**
  - Members of the Audit Committee shall have the right to attend all regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors of GHI and all subsidiary corporations, including executive sessions, and shall be furnished with copies of all minutes. They shall also be given access to all books and records of the Corporation. The Audit Committee shall have the right to consult with all Corporation attorneys, auditors, and accountants.**

### Proposed Bylaw Change #2: Bylaw Amendment Proposal Deadline

Revise Article IX Amendments as follows:  
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These Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds vote at any membership meeting provided that the text of the proposed amendment shall have been included in the notice of the membership meeting. On action by the Board of Directors, or on the written request of any 10 members **at least 7 days prior to the appropriate News Review deadline**, the secretary shall include the proposed amendment in the notice of the next membership meeting. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the membership from amending a proposed amendment at a membership meeting.

### Proposed Bylaw Change #3: Dues Payment Required to Vote

Revise Article III Membership, Section 1. Qualifications as follows:  
ADD text in **bold** and underlined.

- Section 1. Qualifications**
- Membership is open to all who pay the minimum membership fee of \$50. Levels of membership include Patron \$500, Sponsor \$150, and Member \$50. Only members 18 and older **who are active members by virtue of paying the dues for the current year or having them waived** may vote in cooperative elections. Each individual may hold only a single membership. Employees of the Café are deemed members after six months paid employment, when they fill out an application for membership. Those who are employed during a given membership year have their annual dues waived **and are considered active members** for that year.
  - Renewing active membership in the Cooperative requires payment of \$25 annual dues. The membership year begins the day of an annual meeting and ends the day before the following annual meeting. Payment of the membership fee makes a person an active member for the membership year for which said fee is paid. **Members incur no ongoing liability for any periods in which their membership is not active.**

### Proposed Bylaw Change #4:

Proposed Modification of Special Rules of Order  
DELETE text in **bold** in its entirety.

**ANNUAL MEETINGS: The Board of Directors shall make strong efforts to schedule the annual membership meeting in the second half of January.**

Members can view the complete agenda on our website: [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com)  
New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center





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Misses Greenbelt include Junior Miss Greenbelt Jeriah Labbe, Miss Greenbelt Kristen Beauchamp and Little Miss Greenbelt Jade Labbe.

## Miss Greenbelt Raises Funds for Adoption Foundation

Miss Greenbelt, Kristen Beauchamp, has chosen to raise money for the Adoptions Together Foundation, an organization that works to make sure that every child and every family flourish in foster care and after adoption. Having been adopted out of foster care herself, Beauchamp is dedicated to the foundation which also works to support young adults who age out of the foster care system. The Adoptions Together motto is “Every Child. Every Family. Every Step of the Way.”

Beauchamp will use her Miss Greenbelt title to raise awareness of the significant number of children in the foster care system and hopes to raise enough money to make a difference for children in need of loving homes. Her goal is to raise \$5,000 and she wants help to reach that goal.

Beauchamp will hold two bake sales in front of the Co-op Super-

market and Pharmacy; Saturday, May 16 and Saturday, June 6. Each will start at 10 a.m. To reach her goal, she will also have a free benefit at the Greenbelt Community Church where she and other local youths will display their talents. The benefit will be on Saturday, June 20 and begin at 7 p.m. All donations at the event will go to Adoptions Together. Donations can also be made online at [www.gofundme.com/AdoptionsTogether](http://www.gofundme.com/AdoptionsTogether).

Beauchamp will continuously raise money until Labor Day weekend, the end of her reign as Miss Greenbelt.

The Miss Greenbelt Scholarship Organization is dedicated to bettering and representing the community of Greenbelt and supports the education of Greenbelt youth. It teaches young women poise, stage presence, interview skills, public speaking skills and overall self-confidence.

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, the program is still a work in progress. Because they had many more interested young people than they had mentors, they could not match mentors and youths on a one-to-one basis as had been planned and had to run more group activities than expected.

According to Park, the University of Maryland has its own mentoring program in which the young people come to campus. The hope for next year is to bring some of the university participants to Greenbelt. Whether funding will be able to continue beyond the current CDBG funding is uncertain.

Park said she is organizing two sessions of From Darkness to Light, a training program for community members to help them recognize, prevent and address child sexual abuse. CARES piloted a Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) program for families with children ages 2 to 7 to help parents deal with aggressive or other out-of-control behaviors that put children at risk of being excluded from school. Park added that there is a fairly strong link between being put out of preschool or kindergarten programs for behavioral problems and later ending up in the juvenile justice system, so the earlier parents can be assisted in dealing with these problems, the better.

In terms of outcomes, Park said the two-year follow-up study that they do every year on recidivism showed that none of the young people who ended formal counseling with CARES in Fiscal Year 2012 had been adjudicated over the following two-year period. They found that 70 percent of the young people assessed at the end of formal counseling on the Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale showed significant improvement. Park said 70 percent is a fairly good success rate and is not the endpoint of expected improvement; for example, grades will continue to improve. They also found in their client satisfaction survey that 100 percent of clients responding reported being satisfied with services and that 93 percent of those reported improvement and said they would use CARES again.

Under the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 budget, a three-quarter-time family counselor position will be increased to a full-time clinical supervisor position, which will better meet needs and also enable the director to spend needed time on other matters.

Since scheduling group counseling sessions in the elementary and middle schools has become increasing difficult, Park said one objective is to develop alternatives outside of school to meet this need when groups are not feasible. Other objectives include continuing successful programs and internships, as well as seeking funding for those programs requiring it.

### GAIL Successes

Batey highlighted quite a few successes over the year. GAIL started a memory support group, which is the only one of its type in the county and has become very popular. A \$10,000 grant was received from Banfield Charitable Trust to assist seniors, disabled adults and low-income persons with veterinary services for

their pets. A partnership with PetSmart was also facilitated for food donations for the city animal shelter. Batey commented that while pets aren’t GAIL’s mission as such, their importance to the quality of life of many of GAIL’s clients is significant.

This year Batey was the first non-physician to receive the Eugene McCreary Award for Service from the Maryland Optometric Association for bringing the VSP Mobile Eye Clinic to Maryland in 2013 and 2014, giving more than 500 residents access to free eye exams and glasses.

Councilmember Judith Davis commented that some concerns had been raised regarding the collection and distribution of free glasses by GAIL since that activity has been undertaken by the local Lions Club for many years. Batey said that was part of the agreement with the VSP van program; that is, having the van come involved a commitment to assist by soliciting donated glasses. Their effort was primarily at Green Ridge House. Batey said there was no intention to compete with the Lion’s Club and that it was a limited effort.

Because of the growing interest in the county in aging-in-place programs and the resulting demands on her time, Batey also started a group this year called Aging in Place Prince George’s, a resource and support group for local municipalities and related non-profit groups wishing to share resources. Among them are Takoma Park, Hyattsville, Cheverly, Bowie and College Park.

Under outcomes, Batey noted that the city’s flu shot clinic, undertaken in partnership with the county public health department, had 575 people participating this year and is still the largest one in the county. She pointed out that the top source of referrals for information on the flu clinic continues to be the Greenbelt News Review.

Batey said she was particularly pleased that residents’ satisfaction ratings for Green Ridge House

and for the service coordinator there were exceptionally high this year.

### Unfunded Needs

Good programs, like good people, are often the victims of their own success and the GAIL program is no exception. Although not brought forward in time to be included in the draft Fiscal Year 2016 budget, Batey said that GAIL’s client list and requests for service have grown so much that if the increased demand is to be met, an additional case manager will be needed.

The GAIL program has reached the point where it has to establish a waiting list. Although CARES counseling programs also sometimes require waiting lists, in those instances there are usually other resources to which people can be referred for help if they cannot wait. That is less likely to be the case for GAIL. Batey said in order to maintain the quality of the GAIL program, it will be necessary to use the waiting list. If the number that can be served is to continue to increase, however, the program needs additional staff, if not in Fiscal Year 2016 then in 2017. Council has now added this request to the list of items to consider if extra money is available.

Most of the objectives for GAIL involve continuing and improving programs. One goal is to do more extensive promotion of the city’s other programs, such as the Golden Age Club and various recreation programs and trips, to Green Ridge House residents.

“Green Ridge House is just up the road but often seems to be many miles away from the Community Center,” said Batey.

In actually reviewing the budget document, Councilmember Leta Mach asked about the CARES Strengthening Families Program. Park said they are doing well with the Spanish version of the program but not with the English version. Since it is currently a 14-week program, one model they are looking at is a shorter program.

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### Publick Playhouse Opens New Exhibit

A new free exhibit at the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly, Visages/Vignettes, by Wayson R. Jones will run through May 31. Jones explores the idea of implicit association between imagery, memory and emotion through manipulation of texture, shape and color (or lack thereof). His new work evokes abstracted figures, imaginary landscapes, faces and objects. They represent the vignettes: subjective snapshots of events, persons or objects in motion, and visages: abstract faces combined with objects that symbolize parts of childhood.

### Fishing Season Now Open at Cash Lake

Fishing at Cash Lake on the Patuxent Research Refuge is open to refuge fishing-parking permit holders.

Permits are available at the National Wildlife Visitor Center off Powder Mill Road from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily except Thursdays and federal holidays. Anglers must present, in person, a valid non-tidal Maryland fishing license and complete an application to be issued a refuge fishing-parking permit.





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## Jon Bell Honored For Volunteer Service

Greenbelt resident Jon Bell was honored at the Volunteer Banquet for Children’s National Health System on Friday, April 24 for 2,000 hours of service.

Bell began volunteering at Children’s National roughly 16 years ago, visiting one night a week while still working full time. He started volunteering with the hospital as a way to give back after multiple inpatient visits for kidney failure as a young child.

Bell spends his time volunteering on the 7 East acute care unit where he plays games, reads books, talks, colors and entertains the children and teens being treated for acute and chronic illnesses.

Bell says, “It’s so nice when you can give a little comfort to a child or put a smile on their face.”



Greenbelt resident Jon Bell celebrates his 2,000 hours of service award with his wife Judy at the Volunteer Banquet for Children’s National Health System last Friday.

## Delegates To Review Legislative Session

The next meeting of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will feature our three state delegates and their review of the recently adjourned legislative session. While what Governor Hogan calls the rain tax was defeated, what will our state representatives do to restore funding to clean the Chesapeake Bay? How will the cuts in education in the Governor’s budget affect efforts to expand current school structures and to build new schools as our County’s schools have become increasingly overcrowded?

The meeting will be held on Friday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building. This is the place for stimulating conversation, good food and good friendships. For more information, call 202-321-4207 or check the Club’s web page at rooseveltclub.nation-builder.com.

– Konrad Herling

## Ballet Springs Forth at UMD

Ballet Company M will give its annual Spring Show on Sunday, May 10 at 3 p.m. in the Dance Theatre of the Clarice.

The free show will feature several original contemporary pieces choreographed by members of the company, as well as classical variations from Sleeping Beauty, Swan Lake and La Bayadere.

## Octtava Piano Duet Concert At Community Church May 17

The Octtava Piano Duo, comprised of pianists Wei-Der Huang and her friend and colleague Hsien-Ann Meng, will perform a spring concert at the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ on Sunday, May 17, at 4 p.m. The performance will feature selections by Bach (Sonata #3 in F Major), Tchaikovsky (Sleeping Beauty), Ravel, Taiwanese composer Mei-Chun Chen, and Chabrier. All are invited to attend.

The women have been friends since meeting during their graduate studies, and are in their thirteenth year of collaboration. They have each obtained their Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance degree from the University of Maryland and are presently on the piano faculty at Howard Community College. Dr. Huang is also the organist and choir director at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ. Dr. Meng is the chair of the music department at Howard Community College.

Since forming the Octtava Piano Duo, the artists have performed their piano four-hand and two-piano repertoire in such well-known venues as Strathmore Hall, Levine School of Music, Washington Conservatory of Music, and the Peabody Institute. The duo conducted a master class and concert in Taipei, Taiwan, recently. They have been praised for their “as-one” sound and heartfelt performance in a diversity of piano selections.

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ is located at Hillside and Crescent Road. Donations will be accepted at the concert.

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

**Robbery**  
April 20, 1:45 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A youth went to play basketball and saw five others on the court. One of them approached him and said something that he did not understand. When he started to walk away, one person in the group punched him, knocking him to the ground. The others then began assaulting, punching and kicking him. One of them took his cell phone when it fell to the ground. Everyone in the group fled on foot. The youth refused treatment for minor injuries.

**DWI/DUI**  
April 27, 2:45 a.m., Edmonston Road near Breezewood Drive. A 40-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with alcohol- and other traffic-related charges after a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

**Reckless Endangerment**  
April 26, 8000 block Lakecrest Drive. A pepper-spray-like substance was sprayed on the door of an apartment. The fire department responded and cleaned the area.

**Assault**  
April 25, 1:13 a.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A man walking in the parking lot was assaulted and stabbed several times by another man, resulting in superficial injuries. The injured man refused to provide any additional information.

**Juvenile Arrests**  
April 23, 12:15 p.m., 7600 block Hanover Parkway. A 17-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for trespass, assault on a police officer, disturbing school activities and resisting arrest after he was observed on the property of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. He was arrested, at which time he resisted attempts to be taken into custody and assaulted an officer. The youth, who is not a student at the school, was released to a parent pending action by the school board and Juvenile Justice System.

April 24, 4:45 p.m., 7700

block Hanover Parkway. A 15-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested and charged with assault, assault on a police officer and resisting arrest after an officer observed him assaulting another juvenile. He refused orders to cease the assault then assaulted the officer, resulting in a minor injury to the officer. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

**Theft**  
April 23, 12:25 p.m., 7300 block Hanover Parkway. Cash was removed from an unattended receptionist's desk.

April 24, 2:55 p.m., 6100 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended wallet was taken at the Target store.

April 25, 11:24 a.m., 6500 block Lake Park Drive. A cab driver reported that he gave a ride to a man who said his father would pay the fare upon arrival. The man left and never returned. The fare was never paid.

April 27, 11 a.m., 99 Centerway. An unattended notebook-type computer was taken from a desk at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

**Vandalism**  
April 29, 11:50 a.m., Greenbelt Road near Walker Drive. Graffiti was spray-painted on a traffic control box.

**Vehicle Crime**  
A black 2015 Cadillac Escalade SUV without tags was stolen April 27 from the 6500 block Capitol Drive.

A 2003 GMC SUV reported stolen November 20, 2014 from the 6200 block of Springhill Court was recovered on April 28 by Prince George's County police on 25th Avenue near Riggs Road in Adelphi. No arrests were made.

**Citizens Advisory: Found Dog**  
Greenbelt Animal Control is attempting to contact anyone having information regarding the found dog pictured below. A Greenbelt Public Works employee found the mixed breed male dog at Buddy Attick Park on April 28. He weighs 40 pounds and is approximately one to two years old.

The dog was suffering from wounds from an apparent attack by another dog. Anyone with information is asked to contact Greenbelt Animal Control at 301-474-6124.



Thefts from autos were reported in the 6400 block Ivy Lane (catalytic converter), 100 block Rosewood Drive (DVDs), 7200 block Mandan Road (digital radio receiver), 8200 block Canning Terrace (shoes and a phone charger), 7600 block Mandan Road (radio faceplate and cell phone), 6000 block Springhill Drive (debit card and driver's license), 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (GPS unit and CDs), 9100 block Edmonston Court (sunglasses, two phone chargers and a media player).

*The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS.*

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## CITY OF GREENBELT NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City Council of the City of Greenbelt proposes to increase real property taxes.

- For the tax year beginning July 1, 2015, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 4.0%, from \$1,817,572,354 to \$1,890,501,844.
- If the City of Greenbelt maintains the current tax rate of \$0.8125 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 4.0%, resulting in \$592,552 of new real property tax revenues.
- In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.7812, the constant yield tax rate.
- The City is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The City proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.8125 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 4.0% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$592,552 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax increase will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, in the City Council Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 for further information.

## Request For Proposals

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# Council Offers Support For Museum, Two Others

by Diane Oberg

On April 15, the Greenbelt City Council had a quick budget worksession on the Greenbelt Museum and on two groups to which it typically makes annual contributions: Metropolitan Washington Ear and Meals on Wheels.

Director Megan Searing Young gave a presentation on the Greenbelt Museum's activities during the past year. The museum is owned by the city and Searing Young is a city employee. Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM), a volunteer group, supports activities at the museum, including fund raising, museum docents and walking tours, among other activities.

The part-time volunteer/education coordinator, Sheila Maffay-Tuthill, is funded by FOGM, with a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The city's budget proposal for the museum for Fiscal Year 2016 is \$105,000, up 4.5 percent from FY 2015's adopted budget of \$100,500. FOGM's operating budget will be \$31,000, with \$3,000 of this increase accounted for by salary and benefits, while \$1,000 reflects funding for the programming for the Lenore Thomas Straus exhibit and production of an interpretive panel on the history of Greenbelt High School on its 30th anniversary.

In 2014, for the first time, FOGM participated in the Combined Federal Campaign, collecting \$700.

Searing Young reviewed the budget comments, which included a description of the museum's activities during the past year and its plans for the future. These included a new exhibit, The Knowing Hands That Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus and the work of Jennifer Sparenberg, the Dorothy Sucher Intern, who is in the process of photographing the service sides of all the original homes in Greenbelt, the apartment buildings, the defense housing (GHI frame homes) and Parkbelt homes. The internship was established by Joseph Sucher in honor of his late wife Dorothy, one of the museum's founders (and a long-time contributor to this newspaper).

The museum got some public attention when it hosted, along with the Recreation Department, the Maryland Public TV premier of Ken Burns' The Roosevelts: An Intimate History. More than 200 people attended the event in the Community Center.

**Artifacts**

The museum has added several notable artifacts during the current year. Greenbelters Pamela Gregory and Richard Marcus donated two paintings by Works Progress Administration artist and former Greenbelt resident Benjamin Abramowitz. Other acquisitions include several pieces of original Greenbelt furniture and historic photos of Greenbelt from the Baltimore Sun archives.

**Contributions**

For many years the city has contributed to the Metropolitan Washington Ear and to College Park Meals on Wheels. The contribution to Meals on Wheels was

increased two years ago in the face of cuts in Prince George's County's contribution.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin is proposing to continue the city's \$1,000 annual contribution to Washington Ear and its \$2,000 contribution to College Park Meals on Wheels.

Neely Oplinger, Executive Director of Metropolitan Washington Ear, thanked the city for its continuing support of the organization, which provides news and information services through their own radio station, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to people with visual impairments. They also offer a dial-in telephone news and information service, personal look-up service weekday evenings and an audio description of live stage performances in nine area theaters.

The service reads a variety of newspapers (including this one) and provides information such as weekly food and shopping ads, TV listings, election guides, movie schedules and more.

Oplinger said that ten Greenbelters use the service, eight through the dial-in service and two by radio.

College Park Meals on Wheels currently serves 20 Greenbelters with four on a waiting list. All staff except the cook are volun-

teers. The cost for three meals a day (one cold, two hot) is \$5/day or \$25/week. The group is currently seeking more drivers. They do not get contributions through the United Way or the Combined Federal Campaign. The volunteer staff is not paid, although the drivers get a small payment per mile.

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# Mini Maker Faire Attracts Hundreds

by George Boyce

Saturday, April 18, was a wonderful day with 1,500 people coming out to view projects and activities of over 50 “maker” exhibits and stage performances. Planning has already started for next year, so please save the date, April 23, 2016, for the third annual Greenbelt Mini Maker Faire.

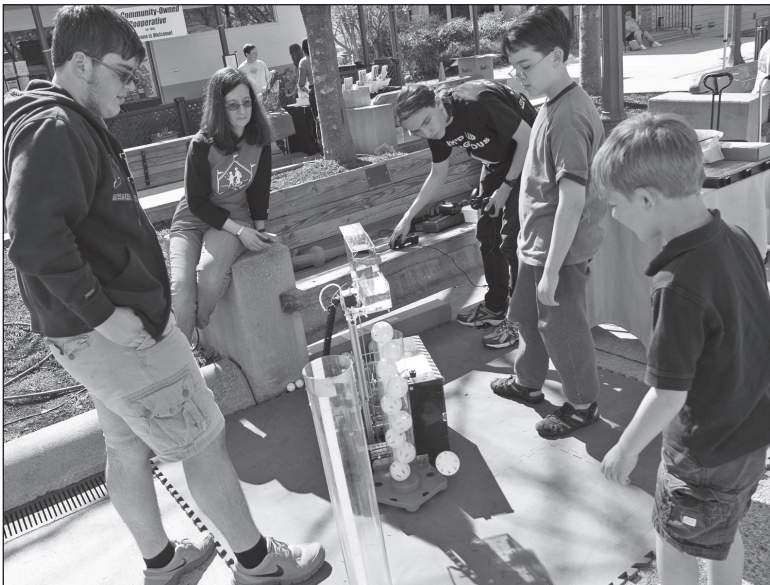
The Fermenters Fan Club met Friday, April 24, to review their first batch of mead, aka honey wine, and to discuss brewing techniques and sanitation in more detail after mistaking raisins for black mold. Club members also aimed to share their SCOBYs, symbiotic colonies of bacteria and yeast, cultures present during the production of the fermented beverages kefir and kombucha.

The MakerSpace is open to some family fun as game night returns on Friday, May 1, 6 to 9 p.m. Some of the board and card games include Settlers of Catan, Dominion, Carcassone, Fluxx and Evolution. These games of strategy and fun are easy to learn but difficult to master. The community is invited to bring games to teach and share. Maker is sponsoring an origami lesson on Saturday, May 2, from 4 to 6 p.m., where participants can learn to fold paper into amazing shapes.

Members of the community with special skills they would like to share are invited to come to MakerSpace, 125 Centerway in Greenbelt, next to the newly renovated theater on Roosevelt Center Plaza. Maker will help put together a short workshop. More information is at [make125.org](http://make125.org).



Jareb Rivera (11) looks closely at HacDC’s 3D printer.



Peter Maldonado (left) and Ryan Utz (third from left) of Richard Montgomery High School Robotics Team show off the ball retrieving skills of their robot Fermi.



PHOTOS BY ERIC ZHANG

Balloon artist Ashley Adams (right, 15) poses for a photo with Dalia Al-Leftawi (7). Below, Rustom Meyer of Yeti Solar teaches Nathaniel Gordy (12) how to make a flashlight as Gordy’s father Jonathan looks on.



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Mini Maker Faire participants check out HacDC's 3D printer.



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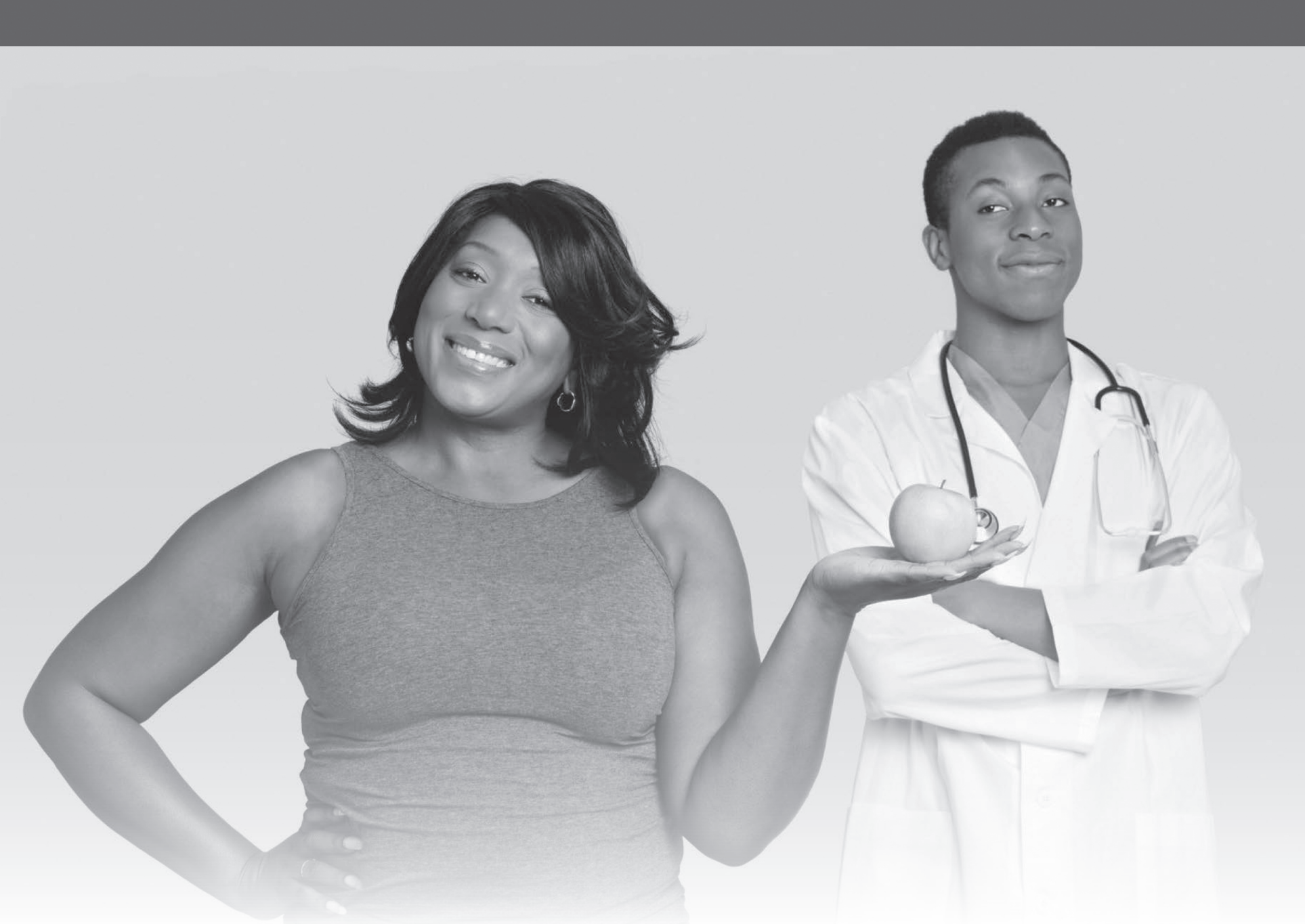
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**Block Townhome - 2 bedroom** townhome with large screened porch. Modern kitchen. Just a short walk to Roosevelt Center. Priced to sell at \$150,000.

**GHI Block Townhome - 3 Br** unit with upgraded kitchen, large living area & laundry on 2nd floor. Large Shed! Short walk to Roosevelt Center. **SOLD**

**Brick Townhome - Corner Lot - Fire-**place, sunroom, refinished hardwood flooring, newly tiled bath, energy sav. appliances, fresh paint & more. Nice! **UNDER CONTRACT**

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# Candidates for GHI Election

The following GHI members have formally indicated their agreement to serve if elected and supplied the following biographical sketches for publication by the Nominations & Elections Committee's deadline. There is a possibility that additional candidates will have qualified for the ballot by the final May 4 deadline for petitions (after press time) but no additional candidates can be placed on the ballot after that time. Attendees at the Thursday, May 14 annual meeting elect new Nominations & Elections Committee members during the meeting. The Board of Directors and Audit Committee election begins when the annual meeting goes into recess, and continues Friday, May 15.

## Vote!

Annual Meeting  
7:30pm Thurs. May 14  
Community Center  
7-10pm & 5-8pm  
Friday May 15  
GHI Board Room  
Hamilton Place

## Board of Directors 2-Year Term

(Vote for no more than 5)

### Steve Skolnik

8 Court Ridge Road

- Moved to GHI August, 1977 – frame home on Plateau Place
- Moved to block home on Ridge Rd. January, 1981
- B.Sc., University of Waterloo, 1971 – Engineering and Physics
- Master electrician and contractor with over 35-years construction trade experience (recently retired)
- Current Chair, City of Greenbelt Board of Appeals for over 15 years
- Current member, City of Greenbelt 'Green Team'
- Current member, GHI Buildings Committee since 2008; involved in designing energy improvements Pilot Program
- Current member, GHI Board of Directors since 2013
- Current member, GHI Board of Directors since 2014
- Skills include:
  - Understanding of commercial contracting process
  - Extensive experience managing large projects
  - Excellent communication skills
  - Excellent personnel management skills
  - Understanding of electrical power and distribution systems
  - Special interest in alternative (solar) energy

### Bill Jones

15 Court Ridge Road

I am a retired college math professor who has lived in GHI since 2004. I have been a member of GHI's Finance Committee and GHI's Investment Committee since 2006. I was first elected to the GHI Board Of Directors in May of 2011, and I developed GHI's float entry in the 2012 Labor Day Parade, a one-minute history play. I am Treasurer of Streetlights Of Bethany, helping Greenbelt's homeless (since 2008), chair of the New Deal Café Membership Committee (since 2006), and on the Board of the Coop Grocery (since 2012). I was a volunteer intake worker at Bread For The City in DC (2004-2011). I am a volunteer reading tutor at Greenbelt Elementary School, and I frequently volunteer for the Greenbelt Arts Center, including directing, box office, video recording, props, and acting.

### Aaron Marcavitch

13 Court Ridge Road

Aaron Marcavitch is a four year resident of Greenbelt, two of which are as a GHI member. He is a trained historic preservationist and works in the heritage tourism field. He has been appointed chair of the Ad Hoc Historic Preservation Task Force. He seeks to focus on clear and understandable process in GHI. He also seeks to increase inclusion and participation from members young and old.

### Patricia Novinski

8 Court Laurel Hill Road

She has served on the Board of Directors for eight years and is seeking re-election for an additional two year term. It has been a demanding two years for GHI, but she has found much encouragement in the skill and professionalism of the staff, the energy and enthusiasm of the board members and in the communication and presence of members who have provided insight and direction. Her criteria for election remain her social work background, her years of service on three GHI committees and has cherished 14 years of residency on Laurel Hill. Patricia looks forward to speaking with you at the annual meeting.

### Donna Peterson

56 Court Ridge Road

My name is Donna Peterson and I am currently seeking a position on the GHI Board of Directors. I first moved to Greenbelt in 1958 as a child with my family to 47-D Ridge Road. My father was career Army Soldier stationed at Ft. George G. Meade. We left in 1962 to move to West Point, NY. We came back in 1966 to 9-R Southway only to leave again and come back in 1969 when my father retired and settled at 6 Woodland Way. My family loved Greenbelt, we just couldn't stay away. When I got married, I moved to 14-T Hillside and continued my love for Greenbelt. Unfortunately my new husband didn't feel the same way and we left Greenbelt. We moved to Dale City, VA where I raised my two children. After many years, away, I moved back 2 years ago to 56-B Ridge Rd. and I am so happy to be back.

### Chuck Hess

42 Court Ridge Road

Chuck Hess has lived in GHI for over 30 years. He has been active in GHI from when he moved in serving on among others the Finance, Buildings, and Investment. He has also been a member of the Audit Committee. He has been the chair of the Finance Committee and the Investment Committee. He has served on the Board for twenty-two years, ten of which has been as Treasurer. He believes his major accomplishments are Assuring that GHI cannot be sold unless more than a Thousand members agree, establishing the Replacement Reserves, and increasing the returns on our investments, saving us each currently about \$30.00 each month. He is proud of GHI as one of the best Co-ops in the world. He believes that his experience and knowledge will benefit GHI in maintaining its high standards for providing a well-run, efficient, and sustainable home for its members.

## Audit Committee 1-Year Term

(Vote for no more than 3)

### Leeann Irwin

13 Court Ridge Road

In the fall of 2007, I became a member of GHI and moved into the co-op. My activism in the larger Greenbelt community includes organizing and participating with the Utopia Film Festival, Greenbelt Community Church and the board of Friends of the New Deal Café arts (FONDCA). As a sole proprietor of Shiatsu for Health, LLC since 1998, I am a licensed Massage Therapist with offices in Silver Spring, Annapolis and Greenbelt. Volunteer experiences include facilitation and consensus building with grass roots organizations, nonviolence training, public speaking, hospice work, and mediation and arbitration. Additional professional work in recent years includes: teaching English as a second language with Prince George's Community College, interning at Congressman Steny Hoyer's capital and district offices, and serving as an Interfaith Chaplain through the Clinical Pastoral Education Program at Washington Hospital Center.

## Nominations & Elections Committee 1-Year Term

(Vote for no more than 5)

### Theresa Henderson

1 Court Laurel Hill Road

Theresa was born and raised in the Washington, D.C. area. She has lived in GHI since 1983. She currently enjoys living on Laurel Hill Rd. with her husband Steve, their two adult children Maddy and Steven, her brother Joe Leve-rone, their two cats and a bird. She is currently employed at the USDA Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center. She is presently serving on the Nominations and Elections Committee for her second term. She is also serving as the president of the Greenbelt Tennis Association, the clerk of Greenbelt Community Church and the treasurer of Altrusa International of Montgomery County.

### Stefan Brodd

2 Court Westway

I have lived in GHI since 1999, and am a full-time musician, including part-time work in various capacities for the City of Greenbelt. I am seeking reelection to the Nominations and Elections Committee of GHI. I have enjoyed my first year serving on this committee, and seek, by serving again, to help ensure that our cherished cooperative continues its tradition of talented and dedicated member leadership. Thank you.

### Tom Jones

1 Court Woodland Way

I was raised on Northway and have been a GHI member since 1997, have a Bachelor's degree in Physics and an MBA. I am a contractor for federal information technology projects. If you reelect me, I will serve for a second year on the Nominations & Elections committee. You may recall I asked a question about the finance report at the 2010 annual meeting; I was appointed chair of the GHI Finance Report Subcommittee that drafted revisions now implemented to make each year's report easier to understand. In 2011, I chaired the GHI website redesign committee resulting in the new ghi.coop site you use today. I also serve on the Audit Committee for the New Deal Café, as well as a member of the Boards of Directors for the News Review and Rapidan Camps, all cooperatives.